

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN VICKI COCCHIARELLA**, on March 17, 2005  
at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella, Chairman (D)  
Sen. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)  
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)  
Sen. Glenn Roush (D)  
Sen. Frank Smith (D)  
Sen. Carolyn Squires (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Bill Tash (R)  
Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jon Tester (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Annie Glover, Committee Secretary  
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 257, 3/14/2005; HB 270,  
3/14/2005; HB 271, 3/14/2005; HB  
481, 3/14/2005; HB 709, 3/14/2005  
Executive Action: HB 481, HB 270, HB 257, HB 653, HB  
709

00:00:00

HEARING ON HB 257

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. GARY BRANAE (D), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 257, Revise permissible term for personal service contracts.

EXHIBIT(bus59a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:15 Ms. Kathy Kenyon, Legal Counsel, Billings  
Deaconess Clinic

EXHIBIT(bus59a02)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

00:09:57

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:52

Closing by Sponsor:

SEN. GRIMES will carry HB 257 on the Senate Floor.

00:17:59

HEARING ON HB 270

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 270, Revise primary sector business workforce training program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:41 Mr. Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce  
00:22:46 Mr. Joe McClure, Director, Big Sky Development  
Authority  
00:24:13 Mr. Bill Kennedy, Yellowstone County Commissioner  
00:25:07 Ms. Barbara Ranf, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
00:25:22 Mr. Dick King, Montana Economic Developers  
Association

00:26:23           **Mr. Gary Amestoy, Richland County Economic  
Development Corporation**

00:26:50           **Ms. Jani McCall, City of Billings, Billings  
Deaconess Clinic**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:27:29

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:52           **Mr. Andy Poole, Department of Commerce**

00:49:37

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. MANGAN** will carry **HB 270** on the Senate Floor.

00:52:44

**HEARING ON HB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 271**,  
Workforce training supplemental appropriation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:38           **Mr. Andy Poole, Department of Commerce**

00:54:31           **Mr. Dick King, Montana Economic Developers  
Association**

All proponents from **HB 270** rose in support of **HB 271**.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

00:56:21

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:16:22

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:16:57

**HEARING ON HB 481**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

**REP. MONICA LINDEEN (D), HD 43**, opened the hearing on **HB 481**,  
Create main street program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:20:03           **Ms. Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana  
Preservation Alliance**

**EXHIBIT**(bus59a03)

**EXHIBIT**(bus59a04)

**EXHIBIT**(bus59a05)

01:25:30           **Ms. Sarah Hansen, Mountain Plains Trust for  
Historical Preservation**

01:29:04           **Mr. Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and  
Towns**

01:33:01           **Mr. Arnie Olson, Director, Montana Historical  
Society**

**EXHIBIT**(bus59a06)

**EXHIBIT**(bus59a07)

01:34:10           **Ms. Jani McCall, City of Billings**

01:34:57           **Ms. Gary Amestoy, Richland Economic Development  
Corporation**

01:37:09           **Mr. Dick King, Montana Economic Developers  
Association**

01:38:14           **Mr. Tony Preite, Director, Department of Commerce,  
Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

01:39:48

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:57:20

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:59:35

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 481

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that HB 481 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:01:59

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 270

**Motion:** SEN. SQUIRES moved that HB 270 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

SEN. SQUIRES withdrew her motion.

02:02:55

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 257

**Motion:** SEN. TROPILA moved that HB 257 BE CONCURRED IN.

**Discussion:**

SEN. TROPILA withdrew his motion.

**Discussion:**

02:05:51

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 653

**Motion/Vote:** SEN. BALYEAT moved that HB 653 BE CONCURRED IN.  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Substitute Motion/Vote:** SEN. TROPILA made a substitute motion that HB 653 BE TABLED. Substitute motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with SEN. COCCHIARELLA, SEN. ROUSH, SEN. SQUIRES, and SEN. TROPILA voting aye.

02:14:07

HEARING ON HB 709

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

REP. HOLLY RASER (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 709, Revise chiropractic legal panel laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:14:34           **Ms. Mary Lou Garrett, Director, Chiropractic Legal  
Panel**

02:15:40           **Mr. Mark Staples, Montana Chiropractic Association**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:16:18

**Closing by Sponsor:**

**SEN. SMITH** will carry **HB 709** on the Senate Floor.

02:17:17

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 709**

**Motion/Vote:** **SEN. SMITH** moved that **HB 709 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

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SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA, Chairman

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ANNIE GLOVER, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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